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To: Developmental Disabilities Waiver Case Managers, Mi Via Consultants, Medically

Fragile Waiver Nurse Case Managers, Supports Waiver Community Support

Coordinators, and State General Fund Coordinators

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Subject: Statewide Aspiration List (SARL) Referral

This memo serves a reminder to Developmental Disabilities Waiver (DDW) Case Management that the SARL is required as part of the Aspiration Risk Management (ARM).

Ongoing ARM supports are required to maintain and support an established current Comprehensive Aspiration Risk Management Plan (CARMP) for adults. Ongoing support includes annual screening for aspiration risk using a new Aspiration Risk Screening Tool, reviewing, revising, training, and monitoring of the CARMP strategies, and SARL submission annually or based on changes and updates.

Case managers will complete aspiration planning support as outlined in ARM, report Chapter 5.5 and reporting to the SARL in Chapter 19.3. Case managers should be aware of Decision Consultation related to aspiration outlined in chapter 5.5.5.

Developmental Disabilities Supports Division (DDSD) is moving the submission requirement into Therap Case Notes for streamlined monitoring by Case Managers and DDSD. DDSD Strongly encourages SARL referral within all waiver and funding types. This will aid in offering assessment and assistance to all people supported.

Submission of the <u>SARL</u> case note will be required effective April 1, 2024, by DDW case manager and is available as of this memo release.

SARL training will be offered two times via Teams, DDSD strongly recommends all DDW Case Managers, Mi Via Consultants, Supports Waiver Community Supports Coordinators, Medically Fragile Waiver Nurse Case Managers to attend. Here are the dates and links:

March 19^{th} , 2024; at 11:30 AM | Click here to join the meeting Marth 22^{nd} , 2024; at 10:00 AM | Click here to join the meeting

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